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DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MACHINING CONNECTING RODS,

AND CONNECTING RODS SO PRODUCED

## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Honorable Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the First Office Action dated November 8, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this document.